

HOUSE BILL 4058

By Armstrong

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63;
Title 67 and Title 68, relative to cancer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 10, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-1-1012.

(a) The department shall encourage the use of voluntary and donated public information efforts by the department and by relevant community health care providers and agencies. These public information efforts may include, but are not limited to, establishing Cancer Awareness Months or Weeks, in which the department in cooperation with the efforts of relevant community health care providers and agencies shall foster the public's knowledge and understanding of the signs and symptoms of the leading cancers in Tennessee.

(b) In the public information efforts authorized by subsection (a), the department shall seek to communicate to Tennessee consumers, patients and health care providers the importance of early detection by utilizing volunteer and donated print, electronic, audio, or other media, including public service announcements and advertisements, as deemed appropriate by the department. The department shall encourage appropriate physicians and other health care providers to actively educate their patients regarding cancer through dissemination of information and methods of detection and prevention.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.